

WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 20, 1904.

COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE CALLA-HAN has completed the city assessment for 1904. Of course every one any way familiar with the matter was prepared for the large falling off in the Fourth ward caused by the action of the Corporation Commission of the State listing the whole rolling stock of the Southern Railway Company, amounting to nearly two millions of dollars, in the city of Richmond, which stock was previously distributed throughout the State: \$231,000 of which was assessed in Alexandria in the Fourth ward, Remarkable as was this slight-of-hand mystery of the Corporation Commission its legerdemain was exceeded in the matter of assessing the Southern Railway's track. Years ago, before the laying of tracks on Wythe street and around Jones's Point to the ship yard, the State Board of Public Works listed for taxation 1.96 miles of track for \$27,-870. Now the Corporation Commission finds only .76 miles which it assesses at \$9,870. The ways of some persons are past finding out, but certainly there has been no shrinkage in that railway bed and rail. Governor Montague's State Corporation Commission does not appear to be much in love with Alexandria, for it neither views us with a friendly eye nor praises us with a flattering tongue, but if this work is to stand for all time they have struck this city a severe blow. The Commissioner of Revenue is required to follow the assessment made by the Corporation Commission. \$247,000 is thus lost as tax assets and means exactly \$4,127.20 less money to pass into the city treasury next year.

THE democrats could not prevent the statehood bill from gettting through the House yesterday, but they will effectually block it for this session in the Senate, and they may be able to prevent it from getting thorough at the short session next winter. Senators Quay and Penrose, of Penusylvania, and their friends, who are interested in having Arizona and New Mexico admitted, will have to wait at least one year more, and in all probability will not get their scheme through after another Congress. The statehood bill as passed yesterday is purely partisan, designed by the republicans to get the most for their party out of the admission of the Territories of Arizona and New Mexico as the State of Arizona, and Indian Territory and Oklahoma as the State of Oklahoma, Under natural conditions the democrats would be entitled to four Senators and seven Representatives from these two new States, and if the four Territories were admitted separately as States would have eight Senators beside the seven Representatives. The republicans, however, have gerrymandered the districts and otherwise so arranged the bill that if it should go through the Senate as it went through the House yesterday the democrats would only get two Senators and two Representatives.

IN THE Pennsylvania democratic platform adopted yesterday in the State convention the following paragraph gives a true estimate of how President Roosewelt is held in the opinions of thinking

It is obvious that since the accession of President Roosevelt to the presidency the thoughtful sentiment of the country has become distrustful of his administra tion and fearful of the consequences h's extraordinary, erratic and autocratic assumption and exercise of power. All that conservative men feared as a result of his accession to power has come to pass. Safe, dignified administration has given way to strenuous spectacular partisanship; national and international prob lems of vast import have become sport of personal ambition, and have been fashioned and moulded as stepping stones to the presidential succession. To day the country finds in Theodore Roose velt a standing menace to constitutional government, to international peace and to business stability and to prosperity. It turns to the democratic organization for safety and rehef-to that party of conservatism which from its birth and through so many years was the bulwark against which the spirit of sectionalism, fanaticism, radicalism and the crude, wild theories of experimentalists dashed in vain.

THE City Council has been called to meet tomorrow night to receive the report of the committee on general laws and papers referred to them regarding ward lines or a new apportionment. The census of 1900 distributes the population as follows: First ward, 2,405; Second, 1,883; Third, 6,219, and Fourth, 4,021. Chapter 269 of an act Illinois) is entitled to his seat. Allen approved May 20, 1903, paragraph 1015 b, prescribes "that whenever the ber of members, &c., so as to give, as far as practicable, to each word of the mark as practicable, to each word of the mark as practicable. as practicable, to each ward of the city equal representation of Council or either branch in proportion to the population of each ward. It is expected a diversity of views may be advanced, but the wards must be changed, the Third ward divided, or a representation based on population made, and all this cannot be longer delayed.

The wards must be changed, the Third ward posed to make important commitments in the midst of the uncertainty as to the character of future litigation over North-longer delayed.

From Washington. Washington, D. C., Ap-il 20.

The House committee on interstate and foreign commerce today too!; action and foreign commerce today to actual Aparthy among a hope in the Control of the Panama dicate there is no chance for ratifying an arbitration treaty with France at this session of Congress.

A coroner's jury at Norfolk, yesterday arbitration treaty with France at this session of Congress.

The gold output of the Klondike for his father-in-law. by the government of Panama. The re-port of a sub-committee was heard and finally, by unanimous action, a favorable already passed the Senate, but with every word of that bill stricken out and in its place inserted the second section of the act of 1803 for "the government of Louisiana, In brief, this extends to the President until the end of this Congress all the power exercised by the military, civil and judicial officers of that territory at the time of the negotiations of the treaty, as well as all the powers granted to the United States under the treaty, and leaves the President free to administer the affairs of the strip through such persons as he may

The democrats of the House committee on the judiciary caught their republican colleagues napping today. Repre-sentative Williams, the democratic floor leader, appeared before the committee to urged action on two resolutions which he recently introduced. The one calls upon the Attorney General for in formation as to whether or not he has investigated the anthracite coal trust; the other as to whether criminal prose cutions have been instituted against the individuals and corporations adjudged in the Northern Securities decision to have violated the anti-trust act. Chairman Jenkins of the committee informed Mr. Williams that the Attorney General has notified the committee that it would be incompatible with the public interest to make public the information desired. But as today's attendance comprised six democrats and four republicans, the democratic majority prevailed, and the resolutions were adopted. Chairman Jenkins voted with the democrats so that he might be able to control the report to the House, a duty which he was able to reserve by voting with the majority. The democrats are jubilant because of their victory. Chairman Jenkins and other republican leaders are indignant that absenteeism should be responsible for their predicament.

Governor Hunt, of Porto Rico, who has been appointed to a judgeship in Montana, arrived here from the island this morning and called upon the President. "Before turning over the office to my successor," said Gov. Hunt, "I am to make another trip to Porto Rico. I expect to stay in Washington about a week before returning to the island. Un-til I have another and longer talk with the President I will not be able to say when I shall formally resign the governorship." He also called at the State

government in time of war shall control all wireless telegraph stations.

Earnest effort is being made to prevent a strike of stone masons and bricking operations in Washington.

Mr. Rixey introduced in the House a

petition of Peyton L. Thomas and papers to accompany claim for confiscated property for use of federal troops.

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Prince Pu Lun, China's representative at the St. Louis Exposition, will' arrive in Washington on Saturaay. With a suite of lifteen members he is crossing the country under the guidance of Chow Tszchi, first secretary of the Chinese legation, who met his highness at San Francisco. Pu Lun is said to be the first Chinese prince of the blood who ever visited this government. It has been arranged that the prince shall be presented to President Roosevelt at 2 o'clock p. m. Monday. In the evening a dinner will be given in his bonor at the legation of China by Sir Chentung Liang-Cheng, K. C. Mc G., the Chinese minister. Members of the Cabinet, Supreme Court, Congress and other officials will be the guests. Secretary Hay will-entertain the prince at luncheon at his residence on Lafayette Square Tuesday. He will be present at the World's Fair opening April 30 and will probably visit some of the leading lities of the country. While in Washington the prince and his suite will live at the Aralington Hotel.

Brigham H. Roberts, one of the seven fire. he prince and his suite will live at the Al-ington Hotel. Brigham H. Roberts, one of the seven first

ed next to the apostles, who was elected to Congress and was prevented from taking his seat by a vote of the House, was the first witness called to the stand on the resumption this merning of the inquiry into the case of Reed Smoot, Senator from Utah, before the Senate committee on privileges and elections. He recited many events in his own history, most of which had previously been published when he previously attracted attention. The committee recessed until 20 clock after having proceeded a short time with the examination. When the present hearing of witnesses in the Smoot case has been concluded it is expected that the committee will adjourn to meet again July 18th in Salt Lake City—there to continue the inquiry.

Fifty-Eighth Congress.

Washington, April 20. SENATE.

A resolution by Mr. Dubois was agreed to, directing the Postmaster Gen-eral to ascertain as far as possible and report what, if any, postmasters in Idaho | burg. At the conclusion of the routine busi-

ness Mr. Dolliver took the floor to dis-uss a recent resolution introduced by nim, calling upon the Secretary of Commerce and Labor for information relaive to incorporations other than trusts since 1890.

Mr. Dolliver described the decay of speculative trusts and predicted that the application of universal natural laws, ncluding competition of independent companies, would eventually drive the last one of them out of business. It is hard to understand, said Mr. Dolliver, how anyone experienced in the practical aspect of affairs can believe the effect of protective laws has been to foster, much less to engineer, monopoly.

Mr. Olmsted, of Pennsylvania, chair-

man of the committee on elections No 1, offered unanimous report from his committee, that Representative William Lorimer (republican, of Sixth district of C. Durberow (dem.) contested the seat. A resolution declaring Mr. Lorimer entitled to his seat was adopted without

stock market this morning presented an

News of the Day.

Hearst boomers at Charleston are making a determined effort to capture the West Vi.ginia democratic delegates. Apathy among Senators is taken to inlooking to the control of the Panama dicate there is no chance for ratifying an

The gold output of the Klondike for finally, by unanimous action, a favorable report was ordered on the bill, which has \$10,000,000 and several millions more from Nome and other places.

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Austen Chamberlain, chancellor of the and vegetables in that section. British exchequer, in presenting the bud-get to the House of Commons, yesterday stated that the markets in which Great Britain had heretofore been supreme were increasingly threatened. posal for increased duties upon tea and obacco were adopted.

In an uninteresting general election the democrats yesterday swept Louisiana electing their ticket headed by former Justice N.C. Blanchard for governor, and practically a solid representation in both houses of the legislature. The legislature elected will chose a United States Senator. Senator Murphy J. Foster, having been nominated in the primary, will re-ceive practically the solid votes of both

CONGRESSIONAL.

The question of additional accommodations in the way of office and committee rooms for the Senate occupied the attenon of the Senate the greater part of yesterday. The subject arose in connect with the provisions in the sundry civil appropriation bill, one for an extension of the east front of the Capitol building in accordance with sketches left by Architect Walters, and the other for an outside office and committee building. Much variety of opinion was expressed, and the question was still under consideration when the Senate adjourned.

After a debate extending through the entire session, the House by a strict party vote passed the statehood bill providis handsome estate on the Rappa ng for joint statehood of Oklahoma and Indian Territory, under the name Oklaunder the name Arizona. In discussing the rule which had been reported by the committee on rules, providing for the immediate consideration of the bill, Mr. Williams, the minority leader, declared that no republican had any idea that the bill would become law at this session Delegate Wilson, of Arizona, opposed the bill, but it was favored by Delegates Rodey, of New Mexico, and McGuire, of Oklahoma.

Virginia Democrats.

State Chairman J. Taylor Ellison has ssued a call for a meeting of the State democratic committee at Murphy's Hotel, in Richmond, April 29th, at noon, to fix the time and place of the State democratic convention and the Department to pay his respects.

The Cabinet has decided that the basis of representation.

The committee's report on the investi-gation of the Norfolk primary and the convention arrangements will be disposed of at the same time. Another matter layers which threatens to paralyze build- that the State committee will have to deal with is the reduction of the size of the convention. In 10 years the convention has grown from 700 or 800 delegates to from 1,200 to 1,400.

The basis of representation has here-tofore been one delegate to every 100 voters or fraction thereof. It is probable that an effort will be made to reduce it to about one-half, or one delegate to every 200 voters.

Whether Virginia will instruct for Parker is questionable. The Sixth district committee's action, at Lynchburg n Monday, would seem to convey the sentiment of this State to Daniel, if a outhern man is considered, and Parker, if a northern man seems necessary. An ndorsement embodying this idea is ikely to be the one adopted if any resdutions of instructions are passed.

Richmond is making perparations to

Junior Mechanies

United American Mechanics which still

Richmond ; State vice-councilor. Eugene Colver, of Berkley ; State secreThe belief is expressed by some that nel, E G. Williams, Norfolk ; chaplain, apart as ever, the vote standing : Al-Rev. W. F. Sheppard, of Claremont; trustees, G. M. Cradlin, of Alexandria; J. H. Mullen, Waterford; J. L. Walkup, Richmond; national representative, E. J. Reed, of Roanoke; Committee on Printing, V. M. Wilcox, of Fredericks-

inspecting tour. Mr. J. A. White, assistant superintendent of the Washington division, in charge of the Har-risonburg and Bluemont branches, stated that he was willing to meet at any time the committee recently appointed by the Harrisonburg Board of Trade to confer with the Southern Railway officials in regard to an earlier train up the valley to Harrisonburg. Mr. White was confident that a movement on the part of Harrisonburg to petition the corporation commission for an earlier train from Washington would be heartily seconded The conference report on the agricultural appropriation bill was agreed to desired in the way of train service.

Railroad Thieves.

Detective A. M. Richardson, of Clif-occupied in reading reports.

Richmond will likely be the next ton Forge, carried to jail in Lynchburg yesterday from Glasgow four white men, Charles Pruitt, of Spray, N. C., Roy Young and Richard Young, of Cincinnati, and Tom McCormick, of Lynch-burg. These men on Monday night board-New York Stock Market.

New York, April 20, 11 a. m.—The pairs of shoes. At Holcomb Rock, 20 miles west of Lynchburg, they got off with uninteresting aspect. It was apparent their plunder and took possession of an that the trading element was about the old cabin, where they were caught yesonly active interest but it was indisterday morning by Supervisor Everett

Virginia News.

A new hotel, to cost \$100,000, is to be built at Virginia Beach.

Dr. Abram Miller Henkel died suddenly yesterday at Staunton.

Reports from different parts of southside Virginia indicate that the cold wave

Mr. Willard Smoot, a well-known insurance man, of Staunton, and Miss Irene Massie were married Saturday night. This gave their friends a pleasant

surprise. Harry J. Richardson, of Orange county, a veteran of the Mexican and Confederate wars, now eighty-nine years of age, will attempt to walk from his ome to the St. Louis Exposition and expects to begin his journey about May 1.

The Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad have rescinded their order prohibiting the transportation of spirituous liquors from Richmond to Ashland, and the familiar gallon jug is again a regular commuter on the accom-

Henry Woodward, colored, convicted at the March term of Circuit Court of Tazewell county for the murder of Frank Tabor, at Pocohontas, on Christmas Day, and sentenced to be hanged on next Friday, has been granted a respite by Gov. Montague until the 6th day of May.

The large barn of William F. Powers. near White Post, was destroyed by fire Monday night, together with all the contents, which included four head of livestock, 40 barrels of corn, a large quantity of hay and a lot of agricultural implements and machinery. The loss is \$6,000, with only \$2,000 insurance.

Mr. J. B. Gray has sold to Mrs. Dr. Wuton, ot League Island, Pa. hannock river, in Stafford county, known as "Traveller's Rest," containing 730 noma, and of Arizona and New Mexico, acres, for the handsome sum of \$24, 000. This is one of the handsomes estates in this section and second to none in quality and fertilitff of soil. It is an excellent agricultural farm, as well as a picturesque home.

Messrs. Davis & Davis, Washington patent attorneys, report the grant, this week, to citizens of this State of the following patents: Henry H. George, jr., of Richmond, (two patents) for a car-planing attachment for power excavaters; Josiah T. Nichols, of Ports mouth, for a butcher's chopping-block Walter B Burrow, of Norfolk, for a process of treating and manufacturing steel, Joseph H. Martin, of Roanoke, for an adding or substracting machine Margaret A. Quee, of Richmond, for a trade-mark for a sleeping-draft.

Will Have to Leave the State.

The power or jurisdiction of railroad detectives in Virginia has been materially increased by a new law passed at the last session of the general assembly. According to this law, such police agent 'shall have authority in all cases in which the rights of such railroad are involved, to exercise within the State all powers which can be lawfully exercised by any constable or police officer for the preservation of the peace, the arrest of offenders and disorderly persons and for the enforcement of laws against criminals.

Hitherto, it is said, persons who are being sought by these detectives would defy arrest by them when not on rail road property. The new law will break up this proceeding, for under it the rail-road officers can arrest on warrant anywhere in the State .- [Richmond News-

University President.

The board of visitors of the University have not elected a president, and at the close of the afternoon session yester-That branch of the Junior Order day, at which time the matter of the ment. it was announced that there would be no owns allegiance to the national council, disclosure as to the status of the question held its meeting in Richmond yester-day. Officers were chosen as follows: the board. Later another member said, These officers were elected or appoint- in answer to the question, "Have you ed: State councilor, G. C. Jewell, of elected a president?" "I don't know

tary, J. E. Boehm, of Roanoke; State the members have decided upon the treasurer, J. H. Trimyer, of Alexandria; State conductor, E. L. Crockett, the announcement until it can be learnof Tangier; State warden B. B. Bott, of Berkley; State inside sentinel, G. C. Wire, Lovettsville; State outside senti-the fact that the members were as wide the fact that the members were as wide derman, 3; Page, 3; Lile, 3.

Long Lost Pocketbook.

Mr. Edward Gill, of Stafford county, Va., lost his pocketbook, containing \$26, on the main road between Widewater and Onville nearly a year ago. A Train Service in The Valley.

A party of Southern Railway officials same route in a buggy with his wife, were at Harrisonburg Saturday on an and at the foot of a steep hill got out to ighten the load, when his eye fell on a dark object in a gully on the side of the road, and going to it, he kicked it out of the ditch. It turned out to, be his pocketbook, which had been lost months before and had escaped the eyes of all passers-by. Notwithstanding the ex-posure to weather, mud and water, it was found to be intact and the contents had not been disturbed. had not been disturbed.

Grand Council, Royal Areanum, of Virby every town between Harrisonburg ginia convened in Norfolk yesterday and Front Royal. He would make it evening, with over one hundred representatives in attendance. The council will be in session until tonight, and during today's session two important amendments to the by-laws of the order in the State are to come up for consideration. The session yesterday evening was

place of meeting.

For the first time in many years, several of the baseball games in the east were postponed today on account of the cold

Are You a Dyspeptic?

Are You a Dyspeptic?

If you are a dyspeptic you owe it to yourself and your friends to get well. Dyspepsia annoys the dyspeptic's friends because his disease sours his disposition as well as his stomach. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure will not only cure dyspepsia, indigestion and sour stomach, but this palatable, reconstructive tonic digestant strengthens the whole digestive apparatus, and sweetens the life as well as the stomach. When you take Kodol Dyspepsia Cure the food you cat is enjoyed. It is digested, assimilated and its nutrient properties appropriated by the blood and tissues. Health is the result. Sold by all draggists.

To further cripple the roads by tearing up the rails if their demands are not complied with.

Popular excitement in Russia over the war, has, in many quarters been almost obscured by the discovery of gold bear ing sand in the Caucasus. A railway is being built to the locality but owing to the lack of capital, there is not much assimilated and its nutrient properties appropriated by the blood and tissues. Health is the result. Sold by all draggists.

Today's Telegraphic News

THE WAR IN THE FAR EAST.

New Commander of Russian Fleet-Want of Confidence in Alexieff St. Petersburg, April 20.-The report that Viceroy Alexieff has telegraphed to the Czar asking to be relieved of his duties in the far East is persistently current again this morning, and will not down. Nothing official in the matand will ter is obtainable.

A report received in the Russian capital this evening states that the Russians are strengthening their fortifica-tions at Chiu-Lien-Cheng, and intend to stubbornly contest the passage of the Yalu river St. Petersburg, April 20.-Admiral

Skrydloff, the new commander of the Russian naval forces in the far East, in an interview has stated that he will profit by Admiral Makaroff's experience He says he will make no sorties from Port Arthur harbor, as the squadron there is too much reduced since the loss of the Petropavlovsk to run any further risks. He will zealously protect his ships, reserving them for a better opportunity.

Berlin, April 20.-The Morgen Post learns that the Czar has telegraphed Viceroy Alexieff complaining of the inefficiency of the Port Arthur fleet, and reprimanding him for incompetency In naval circles, continues the paper, it is asserted that the loss of the Petropavlovsk is inexplicable unless it is due

o criminal negligence.
Tien Tsin, April 20.—According to a eport received here today, the Russian orces have withdrawn from the Yalu This report says that the Rusriver. ians have only four regiments left on the river bank.

London, April 20.-The St. Peters burg correspondent of the Central News wires that a report is current in the Russian capital that the Japanese have landed in force near Newchwang.

t'aris, April 20 .- A nationalist politician of Paris claims to have authority for the statement that the battleship Petropavolvsk was sunk at Port Arthur by a Japanese submarine. He further states that the submarine which enabled Admiral Togo to sink the Russian battleship was the famous Goubet, which was sold to Japan through the Japanese sinister at Paris. Russia, he had previously refused to purchase the

London, April 20.—The Central News has received a dispatch from its Tokio correspondent stating that a telegram received there reports that 35 Cossacks arrived at Syong-Chin on the east coast of Korea, yesterday, and burned the Jap-

nese houses in the city. St. Petersburg, April 20.—It is re-ported that a plot has been discovered or the blowing up of the warships building in Russia. Infernal machines are said to have been found in the shipbuilding yards. Japanese spies are re ported to have been taken into custody.

D. A. R.

Washington, April 20 .- One development of the present congress of the D.

A. R. which has been awaited with inerest by the delegates is the report of the necial committee of the national board on the long standing controversy be-tween Mrs. Thomas Roberts and Miss Harriet Baird Huey, society leaders of Philadelphia, whose rivalry for leaderhlp in the ranks of the Philadelphia daughters led several years ago to an open rupture in their formerly amicable relations. A decision by the judicial committee satisfactory to both Mrs. Roberts and Miss Huey is the solution sought for, but the delegates think it

hardly possible. Washington, D. C. April 20,-Consideration of amendments, which was to have been finished Monday, occupied most of this morning's session. Of the 10 proposed amendments to the constion, all have now been defeated.

morning when a delegate wished to debate a motion to table a certain amend-

"We don't want to debate the mo tion," retorted the delegate.

about it and then vote.' Many delegates were for "just talk-ing" about the motion to table, but the parliamentarian was vindicated

A motion was carried that Mrs. Fairbanks appoint a committee to petition publicans of Vermont by supporting for Congress for the preservation of St. the party's presidential John's Church, Washington, the de- Theodore Roosevelt. The delegates at struction of which is threatened by the large elected are Senator W. P. Dilling-Park Commission, together with houses ham, of Waterbury; Dr. W.S. Webb, formerly occupied by Dolly Madison and of Shelburne; H. N. Turner, of St. Johns-Commodore Decatur.

The Congress was received at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon by President Roosevelt at the White House.

In Favor of the King.

Brussels, April 20.-The Court of Appeals which has been hearing the claims brought against King Leopold by the creditors of Princess Louise, of Coburg, his daughter, and the claim of the Countess of Lonyay, another of Leopold's daughters, today decided in favor of the King. The Princess Louise contracted heavy debts on the strength of an inberitance due her from her mother's tate. This inheritance did not material-Royal Arcanum.

The twenty-second session of the The suit of the Countess of Lonyay was to obtain her portion of her mother's estate. The King made the same reply as to the creditors of Louise.

Strike in Hungary.

Vienna, April 20.—A large majority of the railway men of Hungary bave gone out on strike as the result of the ministry prohibiting them from holding a meeting men, principally of the western division, are out and it is feared the strike will beome general today. Already the railway lines are blocked through lack of men The Orient express could not leave Budapesth yesterday evening. The strike has caused the suspension of all posts. The strikers have seized trains traveling to Central Railway Junctions, and threaten to further cripple the roads by tearing up the rails if their demands are not com-

THE TORONTO FIRE.

Over One Hundred and Fifty Houses \$7,000,000.

Toronto, Ont., April 20.-Toronto was

threatened with complete destruction by a conflagration early today, which for ten hours baffled all efforts of the fire department. The fire started at nine clock last night, and it was not until shortly before eight o'clock this morning that the fire fighters had it under control. The flames swept through wholesale business district and burned more than one hundred and fifty buildings. The property loss is variously estimated at from \$6,000,000 to \$7,-000,000. High winds fanned the flame with intensity, and the local fire depart-ment was unable to cope with the fire. Help from nearby cities was asked for. Montreal and Buffalo sent fire engines and men. Shortly after one o'clock this morning a shift of wind sent the flames in the direction of the residential part of the city and it was only after the hardest kind of work that the fire was confined. Several residences were de-stroyed and many people are without homes. Several people are reported missing, and they are thought to have

est their lives in the flames. The blaze started in a factory on Wellington street, and despite the efforts of the firemen to confine it there, the flames eaped across the street and soon buildings on both sides of the thoroughfare were biazing fiercely. The work of the firemen was hampered by falling walls, and masses of tangled telephone and elegraph wires.

While working on the top of a six story building, the flames cut off the es-cape of Chief Thompson and Fireman George Dowkes. Thompson made a leap to the ground below. His fall was broken by telegraph wires, and he escaped with a broken leg. Dowkes has not been seen since, and it is believed that he has Finding that the fire was beyound their control a call for help was sent to Buffalo, Montreal, and Hamilton. Several blocks were now in flames inluding all buildings on the south side of Wellington street, and on Bay street, east to Yonge street. The firemen were assisted in their work by citizens, many of whom left ther homes and came down town to aid in the work. The fire worked in the direction of the custom house, Board of Trade, and Bank of Montreal. When the flames reached Howland's warehouse, where much gunpowder was stored, there were several xplosions. This made the work of the firemen extremely perilous. Thousands of people crowded near the scene of the fire and many merchants went to their places of business several blocks from the fire and commenced to move their goods to places of safety. The wind held strong from the west, blowing a gale which sent showers of flaming parks and brands high in the air and threatened destruction to houses in other parts of the city. It was not until the abatement of the wind at 7 o'clock that it seemed assured that the fire would spread no further. A final stand was made by the fire department near the Bank of Montreal, and here, after

were halted on the north side of Front street and on the south side of the custom house. The fire is virtually out and firemen are this afternoon pouring great volthe smoldering embers. One hundred and twenty-three buildings were swept away in the conflagration and insurance adjusters who have made a cursory exmination of the devastation estimate the damage at \$6,000,000.

the hardest kind of work, the flames

Vermont Republicans,

Burlington, Vt., April 20.—The snow storm delayed the arrival of delegates and made the opening of the republican State convention to elect delegates at large to the convention in Chicago, an hour Only one controversy arose this and a half late. When the convention was finally called to order, the temporary H. H. Powers, introduced Senator Foraker, of Ohio, who addressed "A motion to table is privileged and the convention. The platform adopted is not subject to debate," ruled Miss endorses President Roosevelt; declares Bradford, the official parliamentarian. that Vermont republicans stand for hon-"You can only vote on it." that Vermont republic service; economy in national expenditures; protection; guarding people against unlawful monopolies: "All we want is a chance to talk and concludes: "We recognize in our nation's chief executive an eminent exponent of republican principles; and the delegates to the republican national conention elected this day will unquestion ably voice the earnest desire of the rebury; and Henry S. Bingham, of Ben-

Quiet at Garrett.

Somerset, Pa., April 20,-Sheriff Coleman reports everything quiet at Garrett, Pa., this morning. The fact Garrett, Pa., this morning. The fact that the town is in the hands of the law officers attracted a good many strikers but nearly all have returned home again. The ground is covered with snow and a biding cold wind is sweeping the streets. The saloons are closed and the crowd have no place to assemble The strikers are sullen and morose. The remains of the six victims are resting in two caskets, those of Mrs. Meyers in one and five in the other. The two Italians arrested last night on suspicion of having set fire to Meyers house are being held pending the verdict of the coroner's jury.

West Virginia Democrats. Charleston, W. Va., April 20 .- The democratic State convention met today for the purpose of naming delegates at large to the St. Louis convention. large to the St. Louis coursely Wood Dailey was named as temporary were appointed at the conclusion of Daily's speech and an adjournment was taken until 2 o'clock.

A dispatch received in Rome today reports that one hundred miners were overwhelmed by an avalanche in the Commune of Prigelato yesterday. Twentyfive of those caught by the avalanche afterwards escaped, but the remaining 75 were buried.

High Authority

Dr. Robert Hutchison, Hospital for Sick Children, London, says: "Condensed milk is more easily digested than that of ordinary cow's milk." For this reason the demand for Borden's Eagle Brand Condensed Milk, for infant feeding, is constantly increasing. Use it also for tea, coffee and cocoa.

DRY GOODS.

Burned-Loss from \$6,000,000 to Lansburgh& Bro.,

Washington's Favorite Store.

Bargains in Black Goods.

A half-dozen special values are offered for one day's selling. Prices and qualities will appeal to those who appreciate real bar-gains.

All-wool cheviot, a good, well-woven and dyed dress material, always in style; the quantity is limited and no more for the 38c same price. 36 inches, 60c value for. Lupin's fine all-wool Albatross; ranks with the best manufactured in the world; this is an extra value. 50c value. 38 inches. One 48c

Medium-weight all-wool black cheviot, for spring and summer wear; the weave, dye, and finish of this are perfect. 50 inches wide 48c

German Etamine, one of the leaders for the season. This is a regular dollar value, and if you wish it come early, as there is 75c only one piece. 50 inches

Silk and wool Crepe de Paris, another of Lupin's fine dress fabrics; new design and very desirable. 41 inches. Dollar 85c value. For one day, for All-wool cheviot, in medium heavy weight, for walking skirt or full suit, fine quality and one price only. 50 inches for one 75cday.....

Lansburgh & Bro., 420 to 426 Seventh Street.

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FOREIGN NEWS.

Gustave Bender, an artificial flower manufacturer, this morning killed his two children and made a murderous attack on his wife and two others at his home in Frankfort-on-the-Main. The

The French government is considering the purchase of the Castillian palace of the late Queen Isabella, of Spain. The building, it is proposed, might well be used as a residence for members of the royalty visiting Paris.

A statement issued today by the banking department showed that the Russian government bank gold reserve had fallen over 4,000,000 pounds during the month of March. Silver fell over 300,-000 pounds in the same period, and deposit accounts 500,000 pounds. Word reached St. Petersburg today of

a fight between Russian Cossacks and Chun Chuses, 30 versts from Imvartpo station on the Eastern Railway. The ed, was over in half an hour. Seventyfour of the brigands were bayonetted, while the Cossacks escaped with two wounded. Tee city and suburban handicap of

2,000 sovereigns, for three year olds, run at Epsom Downs today, was won by Lord Carnarvon's Robert Le Diable. with Lane up; J. Br Joel's Dean Swift, ridden by Trigg, finished second, and W. Brodrick Cloete's Cerisier, with Bott up, ran third. Twenty-one horses ran. The favorites were all left far in the rear. The betting on the winner started at 40 to 1 and the second horse at 25 to 1.

Emil Roeski, the fourth member of the Chicago car bandits, was found guilty this morning of the murder of Otto Bauder, in a saloon July 9, last, and sentenced by the jury to life imprison-

A Thoughtful Man.

M. M. Austin, of Wirchester, Ind., knew what to do in the hour of need. His wife had such an unusual case of stomach and liver trouble, physicians could not help her. He thought of and tried Dr. King's New Life Pills and she got relief at once and was fi-nally cured. Only 25c at E. S. Leadbeater & Sons' drug store.

FOR SALE AND RENT.

ROOMS FOR RENT With board, in central location, Address "G," Gazette office. apr20 3t*

FOR SALE,—One 74 feet COUNTER for sale cheap. Apply to E. WALTON, 111
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FOR RENT.—NICELY FURNISHED ROOMS, with board if desired, at No. 115 south St. Asaph street, this city. Centrally located. Half a block from postoffice and King street. "Real Home Comforts." FOR SALE. THREE six-room HOUSES.

Pandleton streets; two dwellings on north Alfred street Nos. 525 and 529. Four double teams, wagons, harness and horse. W. 1 SMITH, 505 King street. april 3 3w

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COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF CITY PROPERTY.

By virtue of a decree rendered by the Corporation Court of the city of Alexandria, Virginia, on the twenty-third day of March, 1904, in the chancery cause therein pending, wherein William H. Demaine, trading and doing business under the firm name and style of William Demaine and Son, is complainant, and Robert H. Cox, Sergeant, administrator of Owen Carroll, deceased, et als., are defendants, the undersigned, who was by the said decree appointed a special commissioner for that purpose, will, on

on

SATURDAY,
the seventh day of May, 1904,
at the hour of 12 o'clock m. in front of the
Royal street entrance to the market building
in the city of Alexandria, Virginia, sell at
public auction the following described real
estate, situate in the city of Alexandria, Virginia, to wit:
All that LOT OF GROUND WITH
THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS
thereon, situated at the southeast corner of

All that LOT OF GROUND WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS thereon, situated at the southeast corner of Wolfe and Columbus streets, in the city of Alexandria, Virginia, and bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at the intersection of the east side of Columbus street with the south side of Wolfe street; thence east with Wolfe street 24 feet, south parallel to Columbus street 116 feet more or less, to the line of the lot sold to John Muir; thence west and parallel to Wolfe street 24 feet to Columbus street; thence north with Segmining, being the lot of ground which was conveyed by Robert G. Violett and wife to Owen Carroll by deed dated September 6th, 1864. See liber V, No. 3, page 657, etc.

Terms of Sale:—One-third of the purchasemoney to be paid in cash and the residue in three equal instalments at six, twelve and eighteen months; the deferred instalments to be evidenced by the negotiable notes of the purchaser bearing interest from the day of sale. Title to the property to be retained until the full payment of the purchase money, principal and interest, and the future order of the court; the purchaser to pay all costs of conveyancing. FRANCIS L. SMITH, Commissioner of Sale.

I hereby certify that Francis L. Smith, the I hereby certify that Francis L. Smith, the special commissioner above named, has executed bond with approved security according to the terms or the decree in the above entitled cause in the penalty of six bundred dollars, conditioned according to law,

JOHN S. BEACH,

Clerk Cor. Court of the city of Alex. Va.

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